

## **2. 2012 - Early Recollections (4:29)**

Probably my most vivid memory of the whole High experience - well actually - I remember not even knowing who you were. The person who sold you the hardest was probably one of whom I wouldn't call the best behaviors in my class. It was Pete Poulos who was one of the reverters. He just sold you very hard to be the Class Advisor. You never heard this before? Well, that's what happened. We had a couple of reverters. Who else did we have besides Poulos? We had another reverter who didn't make it. But Poulos argued very strongly that you would be just right - which is interesting because Pete was not really our most military guy as you know - whereas you of course are the most military guy. So we had kind of both ends of the spectrum. Somehow it worked out.

But in terms of your family life and going to dinner, I had the occasion I think at least twice - was kind of unusual - I got over there a couple of times, maybe three times. That's good. Well, you probably accepted ... Well, I did but I remember and I don't remember if you said ... this is really silly but then a lot of things I've said tonight are silly ...I don't know if you said we could unbutton our jackets or if we could take them off. Do you remember what you allowed us to do? I would probably let you take them off. Whatever it was, I turned to whoever was sitting next to me and I said something seriously religious like holy shit.

It was like "Wow, he's getting unchained. Like he must be doing controlled substances or something to let us take our jackets off. But I guess it was taking our jackets off. I probably never ...No, no, I don't think so. I would let you take them off. No that wouldn't make any sense now that I think about. Well, it is true that people tell me that I do certain things. There are some things that I wouldn't let them see you know. When they say, well you let me wear the wrong color socks - not a chance. So if they tell me that story I wouldn't believe. I wouldn't believe.

Let me think. I remember being impressed that it almost didn't matter when we had the class meetings or where we had them or what the deal was or what personal inconvenience it was to you. You were on call for every meeting - whenever we wanted. I mean you were there and that was important. It meant a lot to me. I know it meant a lot to everybody. But I got to tell you, you were great. You are great. That was important. It was like having a parent away from home, really. Of course you would be a kickass parent. Yes, we know that of course. Who am I telling? I'm telling the choir. We sing the same song you know. They write it too. Well, that's nice. Thank you very much.

Now Kathy, do you remember any of the first time of seeing us and then getting - every year comes my card. Oh, we didn't send Christmas cards. We didn't send cards at all until you started sending them to arrive with a little pencil. That wasn't a little pleasant Christmas gift. No. I really felt were golf pencils. They were little things. They were either golf or bowling pencils but then you're all Bowlers. Oh yeah. I kind of remember that. I remember you didn't

send any paper. But I you could have used the other side of your card. But I was impressed with...

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